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Dear Mark,

Lardner was on dealine when I spoke to him this week. He's not called back and won't until next week, when he and I may both forget about your Isikoff request. So be ready to remind me. To the degree George can he is helpful to me and has been for years. However, the FBI's denial of your request may indicate that the document is classified, was leaked to him under conditions that preclude his letting anyone else have a copy. Have you made the same request of DJ? I think you should.

Nothing new here on those tramps were were not that but were winos on the move. Except that I have the pages referring to their being incarcerated if you do not. I'll be making a separate file on the EPD releases so if you ask for them, remind me where I have them filed.

You are correct in your characterization of those "researchers" who have "their own hidden agendas" and from my experience I would urge you to be skeptical about what they are up to. One possible reason for their unwilligness to share is that they fear their work will not hold up. It is not just to prevent someone else taking and using it. As in the kost recent example, Donahue's phony book, Mortal Errors. He knew I did not believe what he theorized and he did not check his ms with me. His reason is that he knows I'd debunk it. I think his book may lend itself to a reffefinition of "malice" in libel cases.His publisher told the Post he "trashed" me in the book and thus I was critical of it. Ridiculous when they knew they'd kept it secret, that I'd neither seen it nor known it was to be published.

What I believe that that there was without question a conspiracy to kill, that it is not part of the coverup, that because the crime itself was never investigated there are no leads for private person to follow and thus that we cannot theorize who conspired responsibly in nonfiction. Whether or not the official coverup was legally a conspiracy I can't say but I am sure that at least some of it was the normal working of the bureaucacy, cover the ass. Because it was conscious possible a case of conspiracy can be alleged against some. Cui bono? can be applied only to eliminate, not to pinpoint. I also think that now more than ever the many books presenting untested and unproven theories as solutions bury truth deeper and tend to protect official miscreants.

For us we are OK, thanks. Good luck with the book I do not remember knowing you were working on.

Sincerely,